GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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RAIL LINK TO LALMATIA MINE
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to extend railway line to Lalmatia mine where Mandari Hill-Dumka-Ramghaat railline to be constructed;

(b) if so, the time and details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Rajmahal OCP (Lalmatia mine) of ECL is a captivemine for NTPC's Farakka and KahalgaonSTPSs. Coalfrom Rajmahal is despatched primarily through Merry-Go-Roundsystem of NTPC. NTPC hasan extension programme for its Kahalgaon STPSand to meet the additional coal requirement for such expansion, ECL proposes to augment capacity of Rajmahal OCP as well as start opening new unit in nearby blocks. In that event, NTPCis required to augment their present MGR capacity and construct separate MGR for evacuating coal from the new project. The proposed alignment of new rail line is notlikely to help much in coal evacuation from Rajmahal/new mine. However, extension of siding from Pirpainti to Rajmahal OCP will help in establishingan alternative route for coal evacuation other than captive.